DNREC now accepting grant proposals for Delaware Chesapeake Bay watershed implementation projects

DOVER — DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship is now accepting project proposals from state, county, municipality, city, town, conservation district, not-for-profit organization representing local government, watershed organization, community organization, and/or homeowner's associations for water quality improvement projects within Delaware's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Proposals for the Local Implementation Funding Grant (LIFG) must be received by 4:30 p.m. Sept. 20, 2017.

The LIFG is annually-determined money within Delaware's Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG) provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The LIFG is intended for use by Delaware entities within the Chesapeake Bay watershed for implementation projects that will improve water quality by reducing nutrient and sediment loads. Competitive grants will be available from the CBIG program, which administers the grant application process and provides technical and financial guidance during the grant application and project period.

Grant applications of up to \$100,000 (from \$400,000 in total funding for fiscal year 2018) will be considered with a one-to-one non-federal match requirement. Up to 10 percent of the grant funds may be used for administrative costs.

The grant guidelines and application instructions can be found online at Chesapeake Bay Local Implementation Funding Grant. Proposals must be submitted by email to James.Sullivan@delaware.gov and must be less than 10 MB.

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